

In the Specification

Please amend page 9, ll. 24-28 as follows:

Any of the embodiments of the present invention may optionally include[[s]] a tissue grasper 60 (detailed in FIG. 1B) within the stapling unit 1, to draw the portion of tissue 7 to be stapled and the portion of tissue to be cut into the window 20 to an interior 16 of the stapling unit 1 when the stapling device 50 and tissue cutter 90 are withdrawn to retracted positions.